

BIG BROTHER

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THE OMBUDSMAN OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY

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BIG BROTHER #69:

THE POOREST SPORT IN POSTAL DIPLOMACY: CHARLES WELLS

10 AUGUST 1968:

I shall never forget one time when Charles Wells for his move in the B.B.#1 game. I called and no one answered. Just a couple days later I visited Wells' home for an over-the-board game at Cleveland when reading the current Big Brother he claimed loudly that he mailed the postcard a couple of days before. During that conversation my wife, Jane, came out of the bedroom with the unmailed moves in her hand that she had discovered on top of the dresser.

Wells often uses the lowly postcard in spite of the fact he was told in person, in letters, & in B.B.#50 that Cleveland seldom ever postmarks postcards & is very slow in delivery. Usually he mailed on the day before a deadline which is tempting the fates anyway.

In L.M. #21 (6 Sept. '66) Wells states, "Only Graustark & Big Brother REALLY come out on time. Most of the others including (his) Lonely Mt., have frequent delays."

Charles Wells was losing both B.B.#1 & B.B.#4 anyway & now he is trying desperately to think of some way of having them not counted in the official Big Brother's & other rating systems. He will fail!

John Beardman printed the ORIGINAL BIG BROTHER rating scale in GRAUSTARK #57 (25 July 1965). Beardman declared, "It seems like a real good idea!"

In Graustark #60 (15 August 1965) in the "Diplomatic Touch" Chas. Wells states, "Reinsel's postal Diplomacy game ratings (See Graustark #57 & 59) are an excellent idea. Lon Atkins & I were talking about such a system a few weeks ago. The thing about Reinsel's (Big Brother) system that I like so much is that it has some sort of meaning right away.

"If a player is fairly good his score will slowly increase over time. It's not good to have too fast an increase & I don't think that Reinsel's does. Reinsel's (postal rating) system (like the master-point system used in bridge) also takes into account experience. Reinsel's system is really sort of elegant!" says Charles Wells.

Chas. Wells continues, "There are two goals in Diplomacy: (1) To survive, and (2) To Win. (This in Diplomacy is unlike chess, where the only goal is to win.) To do the first is a minor accomplishment and to do the second is a major accomplishment, and the Reinsel system takes this exactly into account."

In Lonely Mt. #7 (7 Jan. 1966) Chas. Wells printed the current Big Brother original & official Postal Diplomacy rating system.

In a letter (8 July 1966) Conrad von Metzke states: "I think yours was the first rating system. So far, it's the best in essence."

Another letter (19 July 1966) Gamesmaster & Editor (Costaswag) von Metzke says, "On your ratings, I think the modifications you mention bring the system very close to 'perfection'. I like your idea about confining the system to postal games."

Another letter states, "We of the IDF (International Diplomacy Federation), the original not Walker's phoney duplicate, proposal & committee revision adopting an 'ideal' system, largely based on yours."

In Böddingnag #79-Page 2, Gamesmaster & Editor John McCallum stated, "Incidentally, if I had to choose a single Rating List to survive my vote would be for the Big Brother one, not for my own."

Clarion, Pa. (not Clarion, Iowa) is only 136 miles from Cleveland, Ohio and not the "350 miles" that sometime Math. teacher Wells insists.

Yes, Charles Wells I believe "RULES ARE MADE TO BE OBEYED!" and since you admit you don't you are the poorest sport in Diplomacy and must be a mighty (oh pity your students) poor Mathematics teacher...?!

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SPRING 1905: FRANC & ENGLISH IN BITTER BATTLE! ANNIVERSARY #8:  
FALL 1905 MOVES due at 2PM, SATURDAY, the 31st. of AUGUST 1968.

ENGLAND----Fleet-North Sea to Holland      Fleet-M.A.O. hold  
Connelly      Fleet-English Channel to Belgium  
Fleet-North Atlantic Ocean S F Mid-Atlantic Ocean  
FRANCE----Fleet-Spain(SC) to Portugal      Army-Paris S F Brest  
Koning      Fleet-Tyrrhenian to Ionian      Army-Ruhr to Belgium  
Army-Burgundy to Gascony  
Fleet-Brest S A Burgundy to Gascony  
Army-Holland S A Ruhr to Belgium

GERMANY----Army-Munich stands.

ITALY----(Sorry, no moves for this game received!)      Army-Tyrolia dead  
Halle      Army-Venice & Fleet-Ionian & Adriatic Seas stand.

AUSTRIA----Army-Bohemia to Tyrolia      Army-Serbia S A Trieste  
Birman      Army-Vienna S A Bohemia to Tyrolia  
Army-Trieste S A Bohemia to Tyrolia

Army-Budapest S A Trieste      Fleet-Aegean S F Albania-Greece  
Fleet-Albania to Greece      Army-Ankara to Smyrna

RUSSIA----(Sorry, No moves received;)      Armies-Sweden & Kiel stand.  
Johnson      Armies-Silesia, Galicia, & Rumania stand.  
Fleets-Barents, Sevastopol, & Helgoland Bight stand.

SPRING 1902:      KENNEDY GAME #9:      19 AUGUST 1968:  
AUSTRIA IS BEING CRUNCHED BY ITALY? ?, RUSSIA, and TURKEY! !!  
FALL 1902 MOVES are due at 2P.M., SATURDAY, the 31st. AUGUST-1968.

ENGLAND----Army-London to Yorkshire      Fleet-Liverpool to Irish Sea  
McCallum      Fleet-North Sea to London      Fleet-Norway to North Sea  
FRANCE----Fleet-E.C. S A Belgium      Army-Paris to Burgundy  
Warden      Army-Belgium S A Paris to Burgundy  
Fleet-Brest to M.A.O.      Army-Spain holds

GERMANY----(Sorry, no moves received;)      Fleets-Denmark & Berlin stand.  
Kotsko      Armies-Holland, Kiel, & Munich stand.

ITALY----Army-Trieste S Turkish A Bulgaria to Serbia

Cornnelly      Army-Venice S A Trieste      Fleet-Naples to Apulia  
Army-Rome to Tuscany      Fleet-Tunis to Ionian Sea

AUSTRIA----Army-Vienna S A Serbia to Trieste  
Hearnden      Army-Budapest S A Serbia to Trieste\* (\*-A-Budapest dead)  
Army-Serbia to Trieste\* (\*-A-Serbia retreat to Greece)  
Fleet-Greece to Albania

RUSSIA----Army-Galicia to Budapest      Army-Rumania S A Galicia-Budapest  
Birman      Fleet-Black Sea S A Rumania      Army-Warsaw to Silesia  
Fleet-Gulf of Bothnia to Sweden

TURKEY----Fleet-Ankara to Armenia      Army-Constantinople to Bulgaria  
Dekkeringe Army-Bulgaria to Serbia      Fleet-Smyrna to Aegean Sea

Press "Please: Italy to A.H. Treachery" Violation of Allegiance or of  
faith & confidence." Old Diplomatic Proverb-Man who not reply to  
letters gets posted home in 6 inch sections.

Press "Please(Game #8)-Paris: For 4 years we have put up with English  
attacks, English treachery, and English stupidity. Our patience is  
ended. We will fight England to the last man, & if the Russians  
win, so much the better, as long as they destroy England first.

BIG BROTHER #69:

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WINNERS GAME #4:

ITALY CAPTURES VIENNA!

FALL 1914:

WINTER 1914 BUILDS due at 2P.M., SATURDAY, the 31st, of AUGUST 1968.

ENGLAND----Army-Norway to Sweden

Koning Army-St.Petersburg S F Baltic Sea to Livonia

Fleet-Gulf of Bothnia S A St. Petersburg

Fleet-Baltic Sea to Livonia

Army-Munich to Tyrolia

Army-Burgundy to Munich

Army-Ruhr hold

Army-Kiel hold

Fleet-Tunis S Austrian F Ionian Sea

Fleet-Tyrrhenian Sea S Austrian F Ionian Sea

Fleet-Gulf of Lyon hold

Fleet-English Channel hold

Fleet-North Sea hold

Army-Maeseilles hold

ITALY----Fleet-Naples to Apulia

Thank you, John,  
for helping us out.  
- B.B.

Nelson via. Army-Venice S F Naples to Apulia

Smythe Army-Rome S F Naples to Apulia

Army-Tyrolia to Vienna

Army-Piedmont S A Venice

AUSTRIA----Army-Apulia is killed

Armies-Bozzin, Silesia, Bohemia & Trieste stand

Fleets-Albania & Ionian Sea stand

RUSSIA----Fleet-Greece S Austrian F Ionian Sea

McCallum Fleet-Eastern Med. S Austrian F Ionian Sea

Fleet-Adriatic Sea S Austrian A Trieste

Army-Moscow S A Livonia

Army-Livonia S F Prussia

Fleet-Prussia S Austrian A Berlin

Supply Centers Controlled By;

England-3 home, 2 lowlands, 3 Scand., Kiel, St.Pete., 2 Iberia, Mar, Tun, Mun  
(15) Build One (On file)

Italy-3 home, Bre, Par, Vie (6) Build One (On file)

Austria-Bud, Tri, Serb, Bul, Smy, Ber (6) No change.

Russia-War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Const, Ank, Gre (7) Build One

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I just spent an interesting weekend thruout Maryland on the D. of Columbia. I visited old friends George Detrow in Hagerstown and Bernie Wermers in Randallstown. Buddy Tretwick and his wonderful wife, Chris, acted as my hosts. Buddy & I played Stalingrad. I was Germany and won! Buddy beat me at Bismarck twice! At least I beat Buddy both games we played on his pool table down stairs.

In the Diplomacy game; Bill Fitzpatrick-Turkey, Chris Tretwick-Italy, Dave Lebling-England were eliminated. Buddy Tretwick-Germany and Charles Reinsel-Austria each had eleven pieces when the game broke up. Dave Bischoff-Russia and Bob Reiter-France were still very much alive at the finish. Russia & Austria were allied against Germany & France. It was one of the best over the diplomacy games that this writer has ever played.

We hope the Maryland group will come up here for a rematch.

I paid a short visit to Don Miller on Sunday morning.

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LUCKY GAME #7: ENGLAND, FRANCE & GERMANY CRUMBLE! WINTER 1906:  
ITALY(Zelazny) Builds; Army-Venice, & Fleets at Rouen & Naples:  
SPRING 1907:  
ENGLAND----(Sorry, No moves received:) Fleet-London stands. (As this  
Warden was the third miss England is in civil disorder!) Note: Greg  
(note you stated that Airmail postage was "20¢ an ounce!" + John  
Italy) Koning and the postoffice have both informed me it is 20¢ a  
half ounce. I asked you in B.B. #66 for exact information.  
FRANCE----Fleet-Brest is sunk!

Army-Paris stands.

GERMANY----Army-Kiel is killed!

Army-Ruhr stands.

ITALY----Fleet-Liverpool stand

Zelazny Fleet-English Channel S A Belgium  
Army-Belgium S Russian F Helgoland Bight to Holland  
Army-Gasconsy S F Mid-Atlantic Ocean to Brest

Fleet-Mid-Atlantic Ocean to Brest

Army-Munich S Russian A Berlin to Kiel

Fleet-Gulf of Lyon to Marseilles

Army-Venice to Tyrolia

Army-Serbia stand

Army-Trieste stand

Fleet-Rome to Tyrrhenian Sea

Fleet-Naples to Ionian Sea

RUSSIA----Fleet-Bulgaria(SC) holds

Halle Fleet-Sweden to Baltic Sea

Fleet-Skagerrak S F North Sea

Fleet-North Sea C A Norway to Yorkshire

Fleet-Helgoland Bight to Holland

Army-Berlin to Kiel

Army-Denmark S A Berlin to Kiel

Army-Prussia to Berlin

Army-Silesia S Italian A Munich

Army-Galicia S A Budapest

Army-Rumania S A Budapest

Army-Budapest holds

Army-Albania holds

Army-Norway to Yorkshire

Army-Moscow to Warsaw

FALL 1907:

ENGLAND----Fleet-London is sunk!

France----Army-Paris stands.

GERMANY----Army-Ruhr stands.

ITALY----Fleet-Liverpool stands

Zelazny Fleet-English Channel S Russian F North Sea to London

Army-Belgium S Russian A Kiel to Holland

Army-Gasconsy to Burgundy

Fleet-Brest stands

Army-Munich S Russian A Berlin to Kiel

Fleet-Marseilles stands

Army-Tyrolia S A Munich

Army-Serbia stands Fleet-Tyrrhenian Sea stands

Army-Trieste stands Fleet-Ionian Sea stands

B.B. #7 Concluded in this issue:

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FALL 1907 Continued: LUCKY GAME #7 CONCLUDED:  
RUSSIA---Fleet-Bulgaria (S.C.) holds  
Halle Fleet-Baltic Sea to Kiel  
Fleet-Skagerrak to North Sea  
Fleet-Hololend Eight S A Kiel to Holland\* (F is in Holl)\*  
Army-Kiel to Holland  
Army-Denmark S F Baltic Sea to Kiel  
Army-Berlin S F Baltic Sea to Kiel  
Fleet-North Sea to London  
Army-Silesia holds  
Army-Galicia S A Budapest  
Army-Rumania S A Budapest  
Army-Albania holds  
Army-Budapest holds  
Army-Yorkshire S F North Sea to London  
Army-Warsaw to Prusia

Supply Centers Controlled By:

England-None (0) Gone!  
France-Paris (1) Constant  
Germany-None (0) Remove Army from Ruhr.  
Italy-1 home, 2 Iberia, Tun, Gre, Serb, Mers, Bel, Tri, Liv, Mun, Bre,  
(15) Build Three Units.  
Russia-4 home, 3 Scand, 3 Turk., Rus, Bul, Bud, Edi, Len, Ber, Kiel, Hol  
(18) Build Three Units.

-----WINTER 1907-----

ITALY---Build Armies at Venice & Rome  
Zelazny Build Fleet at Naples  
RUSSIA---Build Fleet at St. Petersburg (North Coast)  
Halle Build Armies at Moscow & Warsaw  
Russia having 18 pieces the game is declared over.  
John Koning "I believe Monte must have been joking in Acclus #4."  
Ed Halle "I do certify that I'm me and not Monte."  
Note: Monte Zelazny has not answered the question in B.B. #68.  
I called him on the telephone this morning but received "the party  
does not answer" from the operator.

Note: I also tried to call Ed at his #904-372-2317 number but was told  
by the operator that the number was discontinued. When I asked her  
to call his old address 107 SE 8th. St. she said "there is nothing  
listed" under the name Halle at that address or in Gainesville, Fla.  
Like I said in B.B. #68. "Now I think Monte was joking but I am not  
sure." So if Monte & Ed Halle are not the same person I congratulate  
Ed Halle for his fine victory in B.B.'s LUCKY GAME #7. Please let  
this be a lesson to other "children" who state in print\* (especially)  
in their own lines) to the uncertainty it may cause. I will count  
this game in the various rating systems until informed otherwise.  
\*)-that they & some other person are the same identity!-\*

NOTICE: The following five Diplomacy players have signed-up and paid  
their entry fee in the Big Brother "Last Chance" Game #10:  
John Koning-Gamesmaster John Smythe-Champion player  
Bill Connelly Dave Lebling-Gamesmaster  
Buddy Tretrick-Gamesmaster So who will be the first two  
players to send their entry fee in for this top level game.???????

BIG BROTHER #69:

8 AUGUST 1968: (49 FINISHED GAMES)

THE OFFICIAL & ORIGIONAL BIG BROTHER'S POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME RATINGS!  
GAMES: BIG BROTHER #1, 2, 3, 5, & 6. ALSO: 64A, B, C, D, 63A, B, 65A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, L,  
65M, Q, R, S, T, U, V, 66B, D, E, H, I, M, N, O, R, AA, AC, AG, AI, AM, AQ, AU, AV, BC, BG, BK, 67H  
& 66AL. Note: "W" denotes a regular seven man game WINNER! -B.B.

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27 John Smythe W	1 Richard Shargrin	-1 John Sandoval
25 Charles Wells W	1 Robert Ward	-1 Gail Schow
20 James Dygert W	0 Edi Birsan	-1 Dennis Smith
20 Derek Nelson W	0 Scott Duncan	-1 Jess Steinberg
18 Monte Zelazny W	0 Jack Harness	-1 Bill Stewart
15 Don Miller W	0 Stuart Koshner	-1 Henry Stein
15 Buddy Pendergrass W	0 Greg Long	-1 William Sullivan
13 John Koning W	0 James Thomas	-1 Mehran Thompson
13 Jerry Fournelle W	0 Earl Thompson	-1 Richard Uhr
11 John McCallum W	-1 Michael Aita	-1 Richard Vaughn
10 Charles Turner W	-1 Dan Alderson	-1 Stephen Willard
8 Dan Barrows W	-1 Len Bailes	-1 Ronald Wilson
8 James MacKenzie W	-1 Ed Baker	-1 Karl Wittmann
8 Harold Naus W	-1 Brenda Banks	-2 Brian Bailey
8 Charles Reinsel W	-1 Tom Bulmer	-2 Steve Barr
7 John Beshara W	-1 Thomas Byro	-2 Bill Christian
7 Paul Leich W	-1 Allan Galhamer	-2 Dennis Frisch
7 Bruce Pelz W	-1 Mike Celestre	-2 Alex Gilliland
6 Tom Griffin W	-1 Jack Charker	-2 Al Goggins
6 Alan Huff W	-1 Louis Curtis	-2 Barry Gold
6 Banks Mehane	-1 Ron Daniels	-2 Terry Huston
6 Lawrence Peery	-1 Sean Donahue	-2 Mark Owings
6 Gene Prosnitz V	-1 Alan Fisher	-2 George Parks
5 James Latimer W	-1 Sidney Get	-2 Ron Parks
4 Terry Euch	-1 Thomas Gorman	-2 Kim Pattee
4 Conrad Von Metzke W	-1 Ben Hedin	-2 Bill Shreffler
4 Rodlie Walker	-1 Wayne Hoheisel	-2 Jerry Teeney
2 Rick Brooks	-1 Monroe Jeffrey	-2 Greg Warden
2 Ken Davidson	-1 Clyde Johnson	-2 Bob Whalen
2 Trevor Heardon	-1 Mark Johnson	-----
2 Harold Peck	-1 Ted Johnstone	-3 Charles Alexander
2 Dian Pelz	-1 Bob Komada	-3 Ron Bounds
2 Chris Wagner	-1 Robert Lake	-3 Arthur Canfil
1 Lon Atkins	-1 Dave Lebling	-3 Paul Harley
1 Donald Berman	-1 Fred Lerner	-3 Bernie Kling
1 Doug Beyerlein	-1 Bill Linden	-3 Jeeel Sattel
1 Charles Brannan	-1 James Maddur	-4 John Boardman
1 Richard Bryant	-1 John Mazor	-4 Bob Cline
1 Mike Childers	-1 Pat McDonald	-4 Leonard Garland
1 Frank Clark	-1 Greg Molenear	-4 James Goldman
1 John Davy	-1 James Monroe	-4 Jerald Jacks
1 Ken Fletcher	-1 Steve Patt	-4 Jim Sanders
1 Dave Francis	-1 Steve Powlesland	-4 Dick Schultz
1 Jack Greene	-1 Paul Puckett	-5 Phil Castora
1 Ken Levinson	-1 Don Recklies	-5 Margaret Gemignani
1 Peter McDonald	-1 Larry Reinstein	-6 Andy Swenson
1 Jock Root	-1 Charles Roland	-7 Roland Tzudiker

NOTE: THIS WAS THE FIRST DIPLOMACY RATING SYSTEM EVER DEVISED! -B.B.

(140 players!)